

LAUTENBURG AMENDMENT NOTICE

Under federal law, which became effective 30 Sep 1996, it is a felony for you to possess or use weapons and ammunition if you have been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

You have a conviction under this law if:

1. You were convicted of a misdemeanor offense in which an element of the offense included your use (or attempted use) of physical force, or your threatened use of a deadly weapon, and
2. You were at the time of the offense, a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim, or you had a child in common with the victim, or you were living or had lived with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian, or someone in a similar position.

The conviction may have been in civilian or military court. A conviction under this law does not include: (1) a summary court-martial conviction; (2) nonjudicial punishment imposed under Article 15, UCMJ; (3) a deferred prosecution in civilian court, or; (4) in most cases, a conviction that has been expunged, set aside, or pardoned.

If you have a conviction, which qualifies under the law, it is a felony for you to own, possess, receive, ship, or transport any Army-issued or privately-owned firearm or ammunition. It is also a violation for any soldier, including commanders and armorers, to issue a government or a privately-owned weapon to anyone who they know or have reason to believe has such a conviction for domestic violence.

The above definition for a conviction under this law was intentionally simplified for this instruction. The complete statutory definition is very complex. If you believe have a conviction as described above, you should immediately contact the Fort Leonard Wood Military Justice Section, building 1705, 125 E. 8th St., 596-0624/0630. If you have a conviction under this law, it can impact your Army service. The Military Justice Section may be able to assist you to receive an expungement or a pardon for this conviction. It is therefore critical that you seek legal assistance immediately to avoid putting yourself at risk of violating this federal law, and to ensure that you understand your rights and obligations.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read the Lautenberg Amendment Notice, and I understand the provisions or this amendment.

_____(Signature)

_____(Rank/Name)

_____(Unit)

_____(Date)